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SUBJECT: SSC – CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

<u>Purpose</u>. To inform all Area and Field Offices that updated versions of the Minnesota NRCS "Cultural Resources Review Procedures for Field Offices" and a revised "Practice Standards List for Cultural Resources Review" are now available. Also, Field Offices should use the most current version of the Cultural Resources Review Request Form (MN-CPA-048) dated October, 2006.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008.

The current MN-CPA-048 form eliminates the "NRCS Personnel Project Site Visit" section and previous versions are obsolete. The most current version is dated October, 2006 and is available on the Minnesota eFOTG (Section II, Cultural Resources Information), and from the Minnesota NRCS web page (Technical Resources – Cultural Resources link.)

Also, refer to the updated practice standards list and Field Office Procedures guidance for a classification of practices that are "Exempt" from review, those considered "Undertakings" which require review, and those that are conditional and can be considered as "Exempt" or as "Undertakings," depending on practice installation methods and/or the level of anticipated disturbance. These documents are available on the eFOTG and from the Minnesota NRCS home page (Technical Resources – Cultural Resources link.)

Questions concerning this information should be provided to Patrick McLoughlin, Cultural Resources Specialist, at (651) 602-7907. To submit the MN-CPA-048 for review, send it with all relevant documents by email or regular mail to:

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